

ON THE REVIEWERS TABLE

"Secretary of Frivolous Affairs."

By May Futrelle. The Bobbs-Merrill Co., Indianapolis, Ind. \$1.25 net.

A breezy and entertainingly written novel of fashionable American life in which two sisters, daughters of a Boston man who has lost a handsome fortune, and died in the losing endeavor to start independent careers and end by establishing themselves as well in marriage as if they had been launched in society with every advantage which wealth could devise.

The younger of the two girls en-



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gages herself as "Secretary of Frivolous Affairs" to a Boston woman moving in the smart world as a leader. The woman proves a jewel of an employer and the girl fills her position to perfection, relieving her mistress of all care in the entertainment of guests, speedily coming to be the friend of the daughter of the household, and distracting the mind of the son and help so effectively from an undesirable prospective sweetheart, that he winds up by marrying the secretary instead.

It is in the summer home of the Boston woman on the seacoast that the adventures of the book take place. A large party of guests is assembled there. One of the young women of the party begins to lose her jewels and accuses "The Secretary of Frivolous Affairs" of being a thief. The secretary's innocence is soon proven, but the robberies continue.

After a while the secretary's beautiful sister comes to visit her, and becomes entangled in the mystery. There are many thrilling escapades and hair-raising adventures before the real culprits are discovered. In the end they are caught and the stolen jewels being restored, are permitted to leave America, promising not to return.

The secretary and the beautiful sister are, of course, wedded to the men of their choice, and renounce independence for home happiness. The book is thoroughly good from a moral standpoint, and very clever and entertaining otherwise.

"Dionis of the White Veil."

By Caroline Brown. The L. C. Page Co., Boston. \$1.50.

A romance of the early days of the eighteenth century with the scenes laid in the region bordering the Mississippi, from Louisiana north toward the Illinois country.

The story has to do with the return from France of a Jesuit priest, Father Beaubois, with a little company of nuns and a novitiate, Dionis Montfort, who has taken the white veil and resolved to accompany her aunt Ursuline nun, to the remote Louisiana colonial mission, as there seems nothing else in life ahead of her.

But Dionis is naturally gay and light of heart, too fond of the joyous side of life to incline to its austerities and self-sacrifice.

So when she enters upon her journey, having in the hearts of the Slaves, becoming, in his turn, a slave to the beautiful princess of the country. The princess was named Salonia, and the "Red Fox" was her cousin and enemy, Rex Raoul.

The American had a friend, Nicholas Fremont, but both were killed by the Princess Salonia, and because they so loved, their friendship was broken. After braving unnumbered dangers, side by side, Nicholas managed to rule over Barbazonia as its King, and the American turned his face homeward.

And King Nicholas was generous enough to free a political prisoner, the Princess Salonia, and as a crowning proof of unselfishness, to send her with the American to a safe and happy home of her own with the man she loved in the land of the free.

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"The Harvester."

By Gene Stratton-Porter. Illustrated by W. L. Jacobs. Doubleday, Page & Co., Garden City, New York.

Yesterday, the birthday of the author, "The Harvester," by Gene Stratton-Porter, was issued. The book is particularly appropriate as an issue in the nature of a birthday gift, with the Limerick of the author, which she immortalized in "Freckles" and "A Girl of the Limerick." The name and the sentiment of "The Harvester" fit in with the late summer when the harvest is in full swing.

Mrs. Porter's love of nature and her nature lore is lavishly employed on the pages of her latest and, in many respects, her most important book. "The Harvester" is David Langston, a man who is untroubled by family ties and elects to follow the life he loves in the woods and on a farm of his own, where he has transplanted medicinal herbs collected by him during years, harvested and sold to druggists at a handsome profit.

Such a figure as David Langston, with his freedom from petty conventionalities, his knowledge of nature secrets, his superb health and his clean, wholesome ideas of life, is as rare as it is attractive. David is busy and absorbed with his planting, his reaping, and his sowing until he has a vision of a dream girl. With this vision he falls mightily in love and immediately starts out, like a knight of old, in quest of the woman he believes he is going to marry.

His search is so earnest and persistent that after a while he and his sister are hunting for him. But there are many obstacles coming between him and the perfect happiness for which he is striving. His buoyant, optimistic disposition and his determination bring him triumphantly through tests that are calculated to discourage ordinary humanity.

So though the measure of his love poem is for a time halting and troubled, it eventually develops the rarest of all qualities, a true and lasting love. And the tale of how happiness finally emerged from difficulties, because of the very qualities which distinguished David as a man in a thousand, will prove the interest of "The Harvester" to be equally as absorbing as the author's former stories.

"The Red Fox's Son."

By Edgar M. Dille. The L. C. Page Co., Boston. \$1.50.

Picturesque Barbazonia, a province of the Balkan peninsula, is the setting for this Zenda novel, which quite surpasses the regulation story of modern mystery and adventure.

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"The Red-Hot Dollar."

By Rex Beach. Illustrated by Howard Chandler Christy. Harper & Bros., New York, publishers. \$1.25.

Kirk Anthony, son of Darwin K. Anthony of Albany, New York, a railroad magnate, preferring the life of an athletic trainer to the career arranged for him by his father, is the "Red-Hot Dollar" of Rex Beach's new book.

The opening scene of the novel is one of the best in the book. It takes place on Thanksgiving night after a successful game of football won by Kirk Anthony's team, and pictures him as the popular hero of the hour on Broadway, New York. The evening's supper, served by a private caterer, is held at the restaurant of the Austrian village, with Kirk Anthony as host and a stranger from St. Louis, Mo., answering to the name of Jefferson Locke, as one of the guests.

rescue, his adventures in love, rivalry and intrigue while he remained in Panama, cause the novel to develop into just the kind of clean-cut story, brilliant of action, which young Americans of the present day like to read.

Conditions in Panama and racial jealousies between Spanish and American residents are illuminatingly described. The romantic marriage of the hero and the climax reached in the novel ending are exceedingly interesting. There is everything in it to render an enthusiastic reception of "The Red-Hot Dollar" a foregone conclusion.

"The Winning of Barbara Worth."

By Harold Bell Wright. Illustrated by F. Graham Coates. The Book Supply Company, Chicago, Ill. \$1.30.

A present day story of the reclamation of that part of the Colorado desert now known as the Imperial Valley by a writer who has lived four years in the desert and had his study there. The artist for the book pictures and color cover decoration is a young Virginian, well known through his connection with the University of Virginia. Summer Art School. His States people will be proud and pleased to note an additional proof of the success with which his work as an illustrator is developing.

The wagon trail from San Felipe on the California coast, to Rubio City, on the Rio Colorado, that leads across the mountains, through Devil's Canyon and the vast Kings Basin country, and by the natives "The Hollow of the Wind's Hand," winds its length in the opening chapter of "The Winning of Barbara Worth," who is herself the pivotal character of the book.

Found beside the trail and not far from where her parents perished in a sandstorm, Barbara, who could tell nothing of herself except her Christian name, was adopted by Jefferson Worth and his wife, who gave her their name and all the love and care she so richly merited, as she grew from childhood into lovely, graceful womanhood. Barbara's mother was buried in the desert, and Barbara fell seriously drawn to it. She loved to look out upon its "soft scars of lilac and veils of purple and rose." It was through her influence that Jefferson Worth, her father and man of affairs in Rubio City, became humanized and led the fight for building towns and roads and converting the gray, sandy wastes into verdant homesteads in single-handed opposition against the threat of a syndicate, which considered their divisions first and the interests of the farmers last.

The type of civil engineer introduced by Mr. Wright as meeting obstacles apparently insurmountable, and overcoming them by the sheer force of tireless energy and indomitable endurance, is a type that appeals to every right-minded man and woman. The plot is one of big incidents and rapid action, bears a message as broad as humanity itself—the ministry of capital, the romance of the novel is told in a very charming love story which has "Barbara Worth" for its inspiration. With her winning the author has deftly interwoven an epic of national reclamation work and present-day good business.

"Hobnob's Dramatic Reader."

By Florence Hobnob. American Book Company, to cents.

These little plays—well-known stories done into dialogue—were written for children, who like to imagine themselves living with their favorite characters in forests, in palaces, or in fairy land. The plays are contained in the volume are equally suitable for either reading or acting, and adapted to pupils of the third, fourth and fifth year grades. The plays included are: "The Little Red Riding Hood," "The Three Bears," "Cinderella," "Hansel and Gretel," "The Gingerbread Man," etc. They are written in a style which will make them attractive to children, whether they are to be acted or merely used for the purpose of supplementary reading. The numerous illustrations show the actors and actions of the plays, and add to the interest of the book.

BOOK NOTES.

E. P. Dutton & Co. will bring out in the autumn Roman Roland's "Life of Tolstol." The author was long a friend and admirer of Tolstol, and his book is one of the most sane appreciations that has appeared. The same publisher will also publish Arnold Bennett's "Hilda Lessways" in October, and Pierre de Coubertin's "Heart of Life."

Rex Beach has bought a house with motorboat and automobile accessories at Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey, and made it a convenient distance for motoring to and from New York.

Ian Hay, the author of "A Man's Man" and "The Right Stuff," is spending the summer at Alt-na-Craig, Oban, Scotland. His new novel, "A Safety Match," which is appearing serially in one of the magazines, will be published in book form by Houghton Mifflin Co. in October.

Henry S. Harrison, the author of "Queed," is making his first visit to his publishers, Houghton Mifflin Co., in Boston this week. The good news awaited him that "Queed" had reached its sixty-eighth thousand and is reported throughout all summer resorts as one of the best selling books of the season.

Since her return from Europe, Mrs. Kate Douglas Wiggin and her sister, Miss Nora Archibald Smith, have presented a library building to the little Maine village of Salmon Falls, near the Maine-Vermont county line. An old house, which was formerly a village school, was bought and renovated under the direction of Mrs. Wiggin and her sister so that it made a most attractive village library. At the opening of the building recently speeches were made by Mrs. Wiggin, Miss Smith and Rev. E. G. Harbutt, after which the guests were entertained at Mrs. Wiggin's home, "Quillcote."

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Summer Rest.

Open July 1 to September 30.

Apply at office, 202 East Main Street, rooms American Woman's League, Tuesday and Fridays, 5 to 7 P. M.

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Sulphur, Alum and Chalybeate Waters. Reputed by former owners, whose management is known by many Richmond residents to guarantee excellence. Rates, \$7 to \$10. Conveyance from Staunton, \$1.50, according to number. P. O. Mount Solon, Augusta county, Va.

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Opens June 1st. Elevation, 2150 feet. Cures Nervous Prostration, Dyspepsia, Rheumatism, Skin Troubles, Malaria, Kidney and Bladder Disorders, and Female Irregularities. Clear and beautiful the complexion. Write for booklet. Crockett Springs, Va.

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Now open for 1911 to October 1. Why not spend your vacation at this famous health resort? Only known cure for all stomach trouble, indigestion, etc. Rates, \$5.00, \$10.00, \$12.50, \$15.00 per week. Apply to J. L. DILLON, Prop.

BLUE RIDGE SPRINGS.

Botetourt County, Va.

Booklet mailed on application to PHILIP B. BROWN.

yer," and is reported to be full of amusing incidents connected with New Hampshire court practice, with which no one is more familiar than Judge Shute.

"When a chap without a penny suddenly finds himself overtaken by a tidal wave of affluence, it is surprising how quickly the news travels, and how it whets the edge of his correspondence." Gardner Teall, in "The Contessa's Sister," from which the above is quoted, philosophizes with the charm and accuracy which mark Henry Highland and a very few other of the aforesaid tidal wave has cast the hero of the story upon that most alluring of islands, Capri, where he writes in a vine-clad pergola overlooking the Mediterranean. The author, Mr. Teall, has just accepted the position of editor of "American Homes and Gardens."

Margaret Cameron, author of "The Involuntary Chaperon," likes the hot weather and the city. She is now busily writing a successor to "The Involuntary Chaperon," which is to be a novel also. She has told her friends that she will give up and leave New York the minute that it is cool there.

Culpeper Social News.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Culpeper, Va., August 15.—Miss Lucile Williams is visiting her cousin, Miss Inez Rowe, in Alexandria.

Miss Helen Grayson, who has been spending the summer with Mrs. Henry Walton on Main Street, has returned to her home in Charlottesville.

Miss Helen Waddell, of Danville, was a guest of her aunt, Mrs. W. H. Fray, this week prior to a visit to Miss Crimora Payne near Bristol.

Mrs. Willie Venable, of Farmville, and Messrs. Robert and Jack Jeffries, of Norfolk, were guests this week of Miss Kate Perry and Mrs. Edward Perry on Main Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Wirt Chief left Thursday for several weeks at Ashbury Park and in the afternoon at the home of Mr. George L. Adirondack, Nelson Place, West Virginia, was a weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chief, and left for home Tuesday.

Mrs. Gracie of Richmond, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Max Samuelson, is spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Granger Neale at their summer home near Bristol.

Miss Emma Green, of Roanoke, was the guest, this week of Mrs. D. James Coleman, and left Friday for Woodville, where she will visit the Misses Armstrong.

Mrs. Beatie Browning has just returned from a visit to St. George, L. I. Browning attended the Montpelier House, at the home of William Dupont.

Miss Sallie Bird, who has been the guest of the Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Ware at the rectory, returned to her home in Roland Park this week.

Mrs. Thomas Rutherford and her son, Julian Rutherford, of Roanoke, arrived Friday by train for Woodville, where they will visit the family of Mr. George L. Adirondack, Nelson Place, West Virginia, was a weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chief, and left for home Tuesday.

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LOCATION.—At the western edge of the city, on Grove Road, corner of Auburn Avenue (four blocks west of Boulevard).

CHARACTER OF SCHOOL.—A Boarding and Day School for Boys, day boys to be at the school from 9 A. M. until late in the afternoon.

ADVANTAGES.—A comfortable midday meal at the school; an hour and a half to two hours open air exercise in the afternoon under competent direction; and a final study hour, when work for the next day will be done under the supervision and with the help, if necessary, of a master.

For further information address the Headmaster, until September 10, 114 East Franklin Street; after September 10, at the school.

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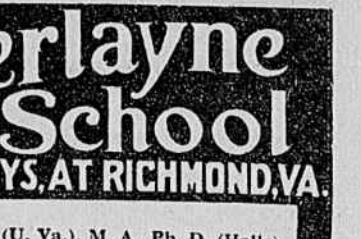
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